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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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AMEMBASSY CAIRO

C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 1156

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CG

SUBJECT: SUDAN/ZAIRE RELATIONS

REF: KHARTOUM 1134 (NOTAL)

1. ACTING FONMIN DENG TOLD ME DURING SMALL DINNER AT HIS HOME APRIL 5 THAT NIMEIRI'S MESSAGE TO MOBUTU (REFTEL) WOULD ESSENTIALLY MAKE TWO POINTS: (A) ZAIRE COULD BE ASSURED THERE NO THREAT TO ZAIRE SECURITY EMANATING FROM SUDANESE BORDERS; AND (B) SETTLED GOS POLICY IS TO OPPOSE ANY INVAISION FROM ONE AFRICAN STATE INTO ANOTHER. HAVING IN MIND STATE 66446, I ASKED DENG WHETHER GOS MIGHT ALSO BE MAKING SOME PUBLIC STATEMENT. HE GAVE ME FUNNY LOOK AND ASKED WHETHER STATEMENT WOULD BE GOOD IDEA. TOLD HIM I THOUGH IT WOULD.

2. APRIL 6 SUNA IN FACT CARRIES DENG STATEMENT (NO DOUBT PREPARED PRIOR OUR TALK) IN WHICH ACTING FONMIN SAID MINISTRY CLOSELY FOLLOWING "SHABA INCIDENTS".
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SUDANESE POLICY BASED ON RESPECT FOR OAU CHARTER AND DENG HOPED THAT AFRICAN "BROTHERS" WOULD SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS PEACEFULLY. DENG ADDED NUMBER OF AFRICAN STATES SUCH AS BENIN, GUINEA, UGANDA AND SUDAN HAVE BEEN SUBJECT "FOREIGN INVASION" AND ARE STILL "THREATENED BY SUCH FOREIGN CONSPIRACIES". DENG CONFIRMED SUDAN'S "UNSHAKEABLE STAND" OF

NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS
OTHER COUNTRIES, CONDEMNED "CONSPIRACIES TO WHICH
SISTERLY AFRICAN STATES SUBJECTED" AND SAID TIME
HAS ARRIVED FOR OAU TO TAKE MEASURES TO STOP "THESE
REPEATED CONSPIRACIES". SUDAN, DENG NOTED, WOULD
DO ALL IT COULD TO SAFEGUARD INDEPENDENCE AFRICAN
STATES AND TO ASSURE THAT AFRICAN PROBLEMS ARE SOLVED
BY AFRICANS THEMSELVES.

3. COMMENT: THOUGH SOMEWHAT BELATED, NIMEIRI'S
MESSAGE TO MOBUTU AND DENG'S PUBLIC STATEMENT ARE
RESPONSIVE TO OUR SUGGESTIONS PURSUANT STATE 66446.
WHILE DESIRE PLAY REGIONAL ROLE AND TAKE PUBLIC
POSITION AGAINST WHAT SUDANESE INCREASINGLY SEE
AS COMMUNIST-BACKED INVASION OF ZAIRE NO DOUBT
IMPORTANT FACTORS IN DETERMINING GOS COURSE, MEMORIES
LIBYAN-BACKED ABORTIVE COUP HERE LAST JULY, WHICH GOS
CHARACTERIZED AT TIME AS "INVASION", PROBABLY WERE MORE
INFLUENTIAL IN DETERMINING NIMEIRI'S REGIME'S
ACTION.

4. DEPARTMENT REPEAT OTHER AFRICAN POSTS AS DESIRED. BREWER

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